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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT FORMATION: LIKUD MEETS WITH DMC AND AGUDAT  
YISRAEL

1. THE LIKUD NEGOTIATING TEAM MET SEPARATELY YESTERDAY  
WITH THE DMC AND AGUDAT YISRAEL, THE LARGER OF THE ULTRA-  
RELIGIOUS PARTIES. LITTLE WAS REVALED ABOUT THE DMC  
DISCUSSIONS EXCEPT TO CONFIR THAT FOREIGN POLICY WAS  
THE MAIN AGENDA ITEM. BEGIN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HIS  
GOVERNMENT WOULD ATTEND GENEVA TALKS ON THE BASIS OF  
UNSC 242 AND 338, PROVIDED THE INVITATIONS WERE  
ADDRSSED ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS, I.E.,  
NOT TO INCLUDE THE PLO. (THE DMC HAD CRITICIZED THE  
LACK OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF ITS PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS  
WITH THE LIKUD AND ASKED FOR GREATER DISCRETION IN POST-  
MEETING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESS.) ALTHOUGH THE TALKS  
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WITH THE DMC TEAM WERE DESCRIBED AS MAKING PROGRESS,  
THERE WAS A GENERAL AIR OF PESSIMISM FOLLOWING THE  
TALKS, PARTICULARLY AMONG LIKUDNIKS. ANOTHER MEETING  
IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7 BUT LIKUD LEADERS ARE BEGINNING  
TO EXHIBIT IMPATIENCE AS THE SUSPICION GROWS THAT THE  
DMC IS MERELY STRINGING OUT THE TALKS UNTIL AFTER THE  
HISTADRUT ELECTION ON JUNE 21. THE LIKUD IS NOW GENERATING

RUMORS THAT IT WILL BE IN POSITION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BY NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING ITS "SUCCESSFUL TALKS" WITH THE AGUDAT YISRAEL.

2. AT ITS SESSION WITH THE LIKUD, THE AGUDAH PARTY REITERATED ITS OPPOSITION TO MILITARY SERVICE FOR WOMEN AND AUTOPSIES WITHOUT FAMILY CONSENT AND PROPOSED SEPARATE LAWS CURBING MISSIONARY ACTIVITY AND PORNOGRAPHY. THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED ON ALL THE AGUDAH DEMANDS WHICH WOULD ENTAIL AGUDAH SUPPORT OF, BUT NOT PARTICIPATION IN, A LIKUD GOVERNMENT. AGUDAH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF TORAH SAGES THIS WEEK AND ITS DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE BINDING ON THE PARTY.

3.COMMENT: A DMC SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN HIS PARTY HAS TURNED AGAINST JOINING THE COALITION. HE THOUGHT THAT THE DAYAN APPOINTMENT MARKED THE TURNING POINT BUT ALSO THAT BEGIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS (HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE FIRST LIKUD-DMC MEETING) WAS A FACTOR.BEGIN HAD INTRODUCED RIGIDITY IN THE LIKUD'SNEGOTIATING STANCE, HE SAID. (STEPEL).  
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